

second capacitor electrode,

wherein said first capacitor electrode or said second capacitor electrode contain as a main constituting element at least one element selected from the group consisting of rhodium, ruthenium, iridium, osmium, and platinum, and, near the boundary of said insulating film, said first capacitor electrode or said second capacitor electrode includes a region containing an element selected from the group consisting of palladium, nickel, cobalt, and titanium. A

REMARKS:

In response to the election of species requirement, applicants hereby elect Species I, which includes Fig. 1. Regarding this, it is noted that claim 1-6, 14 and 15 are all readable on Species I.

In addition, applicants are submitting herewith new claim 16, and respectfully submit that this claim is generic to the four listed species of Figs. 1, 13, 18 and 19. As such, if claim 16 is allowed in generic form, it is respectfully requested that the remaining claims 7-13 be allowed therewith.

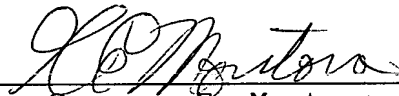
If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of, either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (501.39522X00).

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